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Error is always more busy than ignorance. Ignorance is a blank sheet on which we may write, but error is a scribbled one from which we must first erase.—Colton.

THE RACE ISSUE RAISED

Delegate Kuhio and his political managers and associates have come into the open at last in a plain endeavor to defeat the cause of good government in Honolulu.

The call for the Kuhio caucus heralds the issuance of instructions to the followers of Kuhio, Andrews, et al., to down the responsible and intelligent candidates and to place in nomination next week only those who will take program from the delegate, Andrews, et al.

It is an open secret, a brazen boast of the Kuhio camp, that aside from a few favored "haoles" most of whom will do the bidding of the Andrews management, there is to be voting for a "straight Hawaiian" ticket. The race issue is raised, and raised in an ugly, dangerous form.

Decent men, able men, conscientious men cannot stand for the kind of campaign methods that have now been brought into the open, nor for the disastrous program that is being framed up by Kuhio and his men.

NEED FOR A FISH COMMISSIONER

That Hawaii's waters are rapidly being robbed of their almost uncountable wealth in fish is a fact little realized now but increasingly apparent. In another column a correspondent today calls attention to this thoroughly alarming state of affairs and urges that some action be taken to guard the sea's finny denizens from the present short-sighted and unscrupulous forays of market fishermen.

The action needed is an extension of the protection of the department of commerce and labor through its bureau of fisheries, and in this case that means the appointment of a federal fish and game commissioner who shall reside in Hawaii and furnish the vigilance and the ability needed to stop the present dynamiting of the waters, the taking of fish hardly larger than minnows, the taking of fish in spawning season and the taking of crabs, lobsters and the like in the spawning season. So long as there are no federal fishing laws enforced here, Hawaii as a territory can do comparatively little to protect the fish. The last legislature passed, after considerable wrangling, a law to protect mullet, but it has been broken repeatedly, as a matter of common knowledge, while as to any general legal restrictions on fishing either within or without the three-mile limit in these waters, there are none and no present way of enforcing such as already are on the federal statute-books.

It doesn't particularly matter whether the fish commissioner for Hawaii is named from Hawaii or the mainland, except that a local man would know South Sea fish the better and would be able to check the present inroads of market fishermen the quicker. The point is to get such a commissioner and to get him busy.

THE NEWS OF THE HEARINGS

No more important hearings have been held in the history of the territory of Hawaii than those now in progress before Secretary Fisher. On their outcome depends the structure and future operations of government in Hawaii, for it cannot be doubted that if Secretary Fisher's investigations lead him to believe a mainland resident should be appointed governor, he will not hesitate to recommend the necessary change in the organic act.

Because of the importance of these hearings, because of their value to the people of the territory not only for their possible result but for their daily presentation of the facts of present government, the STAR-BULLETIN is publishing day by day a complete account of the hearings. Not only is there given a general summary of the morning's session and a more lengthy outline of the proceedings, but these are supplemented with a stenographic account of practically all the testimony given, the more important parts being published word for word.

With hearings ending at 12:30 o'clock, this paper is giving a complete account of the hearings to its readers at 2:30 o'clock, and the second edition, issued at 3:30, contains all of the stenographic report with slight exceptions. The unpublished portions are usually given next day.

It is an undertaking that requires organization of news-gathering and news-publishing forces to an extent heretofore unapproached in Hawaii, but it is worth while, because it is a service to all the people, and it gives an unimpeachable statement of the hearings, favoring neither one side nor the other.

THE DEMOCRATIC BOOST

Although the record of the Democratic House on the navy appropriation bill pretty thoroughly exposed to the country its insincerity in the matter of economy, it is not generally known that the House made a particularly inglorious record in the matter of perfecting legislation. Most of its time was taken up in bickering on bills which made a political appeal to the voters.

The Republican leader, James R. Mann, puts the case against the House Democrats as follows:

"The boasts about economy in the House of Representatives went by the board. The main work in the House on the Democratic side has been a constant boasting of what they were going to do at the next session.

"I said last December that this session of Congress would last longer and do less than any other regular session of recent years. My forecast proved correct. This session of Congress has enacted laws fewer in number and of less importance than any session in recent years. The laws we have passed are in the main of little importance and generally local in character. The Panama canal bill is the one of greatest importance and in the main that was a bill prepared by me in a prior Congress.

"The claimed reformation of the rules has proven a farce. That the House has been inefficient is shown by the fact that more than 200 Senate bills which passed the Senate remain unacted on in the House.

"It is a constant boast that the Democrats at this session passed a law providing for publicity of campaign contributions. Such is not the fact. They only passed an amendment to the law which had previously been passed by a Republican House, and the principal part is one relating to primary campaign expenses and that was considered in the law by the Republicans of the House against the protest of the Democratic side of the House. Somewhat similar is the bill relating to eight-hour labor, which is only an amendment of a previous law and only made a slight change in the provisions of the original act.

"Practically all the laws of any importance passed at this session were either bills prepared in a previous Congress and left over for lack of time to consider or else they were bills prepared by officials in President Taft's administration.

"The Democrats were forced to agree to a parcels post, which only a short time ago they insisted they would not agree to. They are entitled to no credit for it. Outside of money expended for the Panama canal, which cannot be considered as ordinary expenses, the appropriations for this session of Congress exceed those for the last Republican session. Not only is this so, but the Democrats have appropriated money in many places where it was pure extravagance and where the money was not needed, and have refused to make appropriations where they are absolutely essential for the conduct of good government."

The public is given an unusual opportunity to hear some remarks on practical road-making, in the open lecture to be given tonight by H. K. Bishop before the Hawaiian Engineering Association meeting at McKinley high school. Mr. Bishop is in the front rank of highway engineers and has already shown himself able to cope with the problems of road-making in this territory.

Editor Connors of the Hawaii Herald has been converted to Democracy. Whether it was that course in Kipling or his visit to Washington that unsettled his Republican convictions is hard to figure out.

Breckons has stopped moving pictures of prize-fights, but a gentleman very much resembling the district attorney had a ring-side seat at the last fight here, and it went fifteen rounds. Can you beat that?

Germany reports a great shortage in military band players. Hawaii would better get a detective on the trail of Kapelmeister Berger.

Roosevelt claims the new Maine governor. He claimed Hadley of Missouri and Osborn of Michigan, also.

Some of the territory's homesteaders evidently haven't realized just how much is being done for them.

Where is Lorrin Andrews, manager of the Kuhio campaign, on the open-ballot question?

Secretary Fisher's Valentine seems to have gone astray.

Everybody's kickin' Attorney Kinney around these days.

LETTERS ON TIMELY TOPICS

FOR THE LITTLE FOLKS.

Honolulu, Sept. 12, 1912.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin,
Sir:—Please give space to the enclosed request and oblige the directors of the Susannah Wesley Home.

L. M. WALKER,
President.

BOOKS FOR THE CHILDREN.

There are some thirty girls in the Susannah Wesley Home on South King street who are fond of picture books and stories. Have you any children's books in your home that your own little folks have outgrown? If so, take a few minutes to wrap them up and address them to the care of the Superintendent, Miss Anderson. You will be furnishing much pleasure for the little people during quiet hours or rainy days.

COMFORT FOR THEATER CROWD.

Honolulu, T. H., Sept. 11, 1912.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin,

Sir:—Enclosed please find copy of letter sent to the Promotion Committee. If you care to publish it in your paper or something equivalent, it may help a perspiring crowd.

PRO BONO PUBLICO.

Honolulu, T. H., Sept. 11, 1912,

Hawaii Promotion Committee,
Honolulu.

Gentlemen:—With due respect to your foresight, I would suggest that during the hot weather you have all the windows in the opera house opened top and bottom to procure good ventilation. During the present plays I have been there on several occasions when a window on each side has apparently been hermetically sealed and the others only open at the bottom; whereas, if opened top and bottom, it gives a good chance for the fresh air to come in and the bad to escape.

I would suggest you also keep the fans going when the electric lights are turned low.

Yours,

PRO BONO PUBLICO.

HAWAII'S FISHERIES IN DANGER.

September 11, 1912.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin,

Sir:—It has been a great satisfaction to many people to see that you in a recent editorial have taken up the question of our fisheries in such an able manner, and I will ask you, in furtherance of this policy, to give publication to the following remarks on this subject:

It is to be regretted that according to the judgment of experts the local fisheries are seriously threatened with even total extinction if drastic measures are not adopted for the preservation of the fisheries in Hawaiian waters. Through the courtesy of Prof. John Thompson, of the Kamehameha school and Mr. George C. Allen, who has made a special study of fish life and has had practical experience in the Alaskan fisheries, the inspectors of the local fishmarket have gained valuable knowledge and practical information which should prove of the greatest advantage to the fisheries in our local waters. It is the opinion of these experts, who have fully sounded a warning, that if illicit fishing (the use of under-sized nets, giant powder and throw-nets) is not stopped, the rapid diminution or even extinction of food fish will be only a question of time. The experts mentioned have thoroughly demonstrated to the inspectors of the market, who highly appreciate their cooperation, the manner in which to designate the sexes of the fishes and thereby point out the cause of protection for the fishes which should be preserved. The experts have proven their qualifications by pointing out the sex of fish offered for sale, demonstrating their theory by opening the fish and showing the spawn in the female and the melt in the male. The practical knowledge includes the crab, which now has become a scarcity here through the indiscriminate taking from our waters of the female crab ready to drop their spawn which naturally has resulted in the well-known fact that no crabs of edible size are ever offered in the market for sale. As a matter of fact, every kamamaila knows that crabs can be raised locally which measure more than six inches across the back, and the same holds good as to our lobsters. Spawning lobsters are being brought to our market with life in the eggs and naturally that food or delicacy is daily being depleted. The federal law elsewhere provides that no net less than two inches or one inch square can be used. Yet this law is not enforced here, to the great detriment of our fisheries. The cause of this gloomy outlook is primarily due to the failure on the part of the federal authorities to appoint a qualified game and fish commissioner whose duty it should be to designate what fish should be caught and when, and what seasons should be closed. The county market inspectors would then be in a position to prevent the sale and arrest the parties offering for sale fish which under such a law would be prohibited. The same remarks may ap-

ply to the fish taken from ponds. Such fish are caught too premature and their sale should not be permitted.

I would not have troubled you, Mr. Editor, if the matter was not of urgent and vital importance. The possible extinction or at least the lack of proper preservation of our fish would be a calamity to the people of the territory which cannot be under-estimated.

Respectfully yours,

J. H. BOYD,
Inspector.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

C. CHARLOCK—No, there is no epidemic. We are just rat-proofing Honolulu, and some people are raising Cain. We have put in 40,000 to 50,000 yards of concrete. Just take a walk through Chinatown.

POLITICAL INTERVIEWS

CAPT. R. W. PARKER—I am ready to obey the wishes of my constituents.

J. C. COHEN—I am for Kuhio, first, last and all the time.

JAS. H. BOYD—Let us abide by the decision of the majority of the electorate.

JOHN H. WISE—I do not care what form of balloting you wish to adopt in the convention—secret ballot or open ballot look alike to me.

WM. OLEPAU—I am a Democrat now. I used to be a good Republican; but, after I was discharged from the Board of Health after the banana-cutting campaign, I joined the Democratic party.

JOHN C. LANE—I am not saying anything now as to my candidacy for any political office.

W. C. ACHI—The meeting of the eleventh precinct, held in my house last Tuesday night, was illegal, because two of the delegates were not present. I am calling for another meeting of the delegates of the eleventh precinct tonight. I think Bob Shingle will get the unanimous support of my precinct.

RUDOLPH DUNCAN—What was done at the meeting of the eleventh precinct in Achi's house last Tuesday night was all right. Had Achi won his points, everything would have been all right.

D. KALAUOKALANI—Home Rule forever. We will have our convention next Tuesday, the 17th. Everybody is welcome in the Nottley Hall.

CHAS. K. NOTLEY—It is interesting to watch how the political game is played by the different leaders. I am a heavyweight politician and am prepared to make another trial at the coming campaign.

PERSONALITIES

MAJOR W. H. COLLIER, special agent of the U. S. Internal Revenue Department, who has been inspecting the Hawaiian office for the last ten days, left yesterday for the Coast, where he will continue his work by inspecting the San Francisco office and others along the western shore of the mainland. His work here was merely a matter of routine duty, though he is the first inspector to be sent here in eighteen months or since Mr. Cottrill has had charge of the Hawaiian district.

MISS HANNAH VOSS

WEDS WILLIAM IRWIN

Miss Hannah Voss and Mr. William Irwin were married last night at the home of the bride's parents at 2325 North King street, the Rev. Mr. Parker officiating. The wedding was simple, only the immediate families of the bride and bridegroom being present. After the wedding supper Mr. and Mrs. Irwin motored to their new home at Waialua plantation, and the honeymoon will be spent at the mountain home of W. W. Goodale.

Mr. Irwin is assistant bookkeeper for the Waialua Agricultural Co., and the father of the bride is connected with the Pacific Guano & Fertilizer Co.

NO STOCKS SOLD.

Nothing but bonds was sold at today's session of the Stock Exchange, with an aggregate of \$4000 Hilo Extension sixes at 94.75 changed hands. Between boards \$1000 Olaa sixes at 97.50 was sold.

Sales of stocks reported showed no change in price for any, the transactions being as follows: Honolulu Brewing and Malting, 50 and 100 shares at 21; Olahu Sugar, 10 and 55 shares at 28; Olahu, 50 at 7.25; Hilo Railroad common, 140 at 7.75; Pioneer, 85 at 33.75; Hawaiian Sugar, 105 and 82 at 42; Onomea, 20 at 59.25; McBryde, 50 at 6.50.

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